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SIDCO Emergency Rule Change	§ 40.10(a)		
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Certification Security Futures	§ 41.23(a)		
Certification Swap Class	§ 40.2(d)		
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Approval Security Futures	§ 41.23(b)		
Novel Derivative Product Notification	§ 40.12(a)		
Swap Submission  Official Product Name:	§ 39.5		
Product Terms and Conditions (product related Rules and 1	Rule Amendments)		
Certification	§ 40.6(a)		
Certification Made Available to Trade Determination	§ 40.6(a)		
Certification Security Futures			
	§ 41.24(a)		
Delisting (No Open Interest)	§ 40.6(a)		
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October 27, 2017

## **VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20581

RE: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Modifications to the CME SDR Fee Schedule. CME SDR Submission No. 17-406

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

The Swap Data Repository Division of Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME SDR" or "SDR") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it plans to modify the fee schedule that applies to the business of CME's swap data repository ("CME SDR Fee Schedule"). The modifications to the CME SDR Fee Schedule will become effective on December 1, 2017.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the CME SDR Fee Schedule in blackline format with additions <u>underscored</u> and deletions <del>overstruck</del>. Exhibit 2 provides a clean copy of the CME SDR Fee Schedule to take effect on December 1, 2017.

CME SDR reviewed the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or "Act") relating to the business of SDRs including applicable SDR core principles ("Core Principles") in light of the proposed changes that are the subject of this submission. As a result of this review, CME SDR identified that the changes described in this submission may have some bearing on SDR Core Principle 2 ("Governance Arrangements") and SDR Core Principle 4 ("Additional Duties") as discussed below:

- <u>Core Principle 2</u>: Registered SDRs are required to make pricing information available to the public and relevant authorities, including the CFTC. The changes to the Fee Schedule will be disclosed and transparent to all market participants as it will be posted on the CME Group website. CME SDR is proposing these changes in an effort to more closely align fees with market alternatives, to do so in advance of client acquisition initiatives, and to harmonize commercial policies across CME's trade repositories.
- Core Principle 4: Registered SDRs are required to maintain sufficient financial resources as set forth in CFTC Regulation 49.25. The modifications to the CME SDR Fee Schedule will modify fees for SDR services to replace the current fee schedule. CME believes that charging fees for its services is clearly aligned with the requirement to maintain sufficient financial resources. Registered SDRs shall adhere to CFTC requirements regarding fair and open access and the charging of any fees, dues or other similar type charges as detailed in CFTC Regulation 49.27. As set forth in Exhibit 1, the proposed fee changes in CME SDR's Fee Schedule include fees that are equitable and will be established in a non-discriminatory manner.

CME SDR certifies that the modifications to the CME SDR Fee Schedule comply with the Act and regulations thereunder. There were no opposing views related to the modifications to the CME SDR Fee Schedule.

CME SDR certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the CME Group website at <a href="http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html">http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</a>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail <a href="mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com">CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com</a> or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com">Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com</a>. Please reference our CME SDR Submission No. 17-406 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tim Elliott Executive Director and Associate General Counsel

Attachments: Exhibit 1 – CME SDR Fee Schedule (blackline format)

Exhibit 2 - CME SDR Fee Schedule (clean format)

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# Modifications to the CME SDR Fee Schedule

(Blacklined Version)

(additions underlined; deletions overstruck)



# CME SDR User Fee Schedule

Effective December 1, 2017

#### Overview

CME <u>Swap Data Repository ("SDR")</u> offers a simplified fees approach which <u>allows for certainty in SDR fees</u> <u>makes it straightforward for our customers to calculate costs for budgeting purposes</u>. Fees are assessed one time for each charged Unique Swap Identifier ("USI"); the fees cover both initial submission as well as all the reporting of subsequent swap continuation data. Additional details on CME SDR billing policies may be found at <u>www.cmegroup.com/sdr.</u> Our commercial policies offer Users annual fee caps and trade reporting fees which cover the entire life of the unique trade.

## **Effective Date**

Fees will be assessed for derivative transaction reports (referred to below as USI Submission Fees) submitted by customers on the basis of this Fee Schedule, beginning on December 1, 2017 (the "Effective Date"). Until the Effective Date, the previous fee structure shall continue to apply to existing customers.

<u>Users of CME SDR are deemed to accept the version of the Fee Schedule from time-to-time in force through their continued use of the service, as set out in the legal agreement between such customer and CME SDR.</u>

## Users

For the purposes of this Fee Schedule the term Users has the same meaning as the term 'Market Participant' as defined in Part 49 of CFTC Regulations; inclusive of Swap Dealer ("SD"), Major Swap Participant ("MSP"), Designated Clearing Organization ("DCO"), Swap Execution Facility ("SEF") Designated Contract Market

("DCM") and any other counterparties to a swap transaction, "User" means a reporting entity that has in place a fully executed User Agreement with CME SDR for Dodd-Frank Reporting services.

## **SDR Fees**

Fees are assessed on the Reporting Counterparty unless the trade is executed on or pursuant to the rules of a SEF or DCM, in those instances the SEF or DCM will be charged. If a Master Account has been established, the entity identified in the space provided for the "Company Name" in Schedule C will be assessed the applicable fees.

<ul> <li>Minimum Monthly Fee - A Minimum Monthly Fee of \$200 is charged when at least one new USI was submittedto CME SDR or an open position is present during that calendar month. The Minimum Monthly Fee is appliedas follow:</li> </ul>
Rates, Credit and Commodities Asset Classes - The first 25 new USIs in a calendar month are coveredby the \$200 per asset class Minimum Monthly Fee. Once the Minimum Monthly Fee has been exceededin a given asset class (i.e., beginning with the 26th transaction) CME SDR charges a Transactional Federal Scipture of \$5.00 for each subsequent USI submitted.
• FX Asset Class - The first 1000 new FX swaps in a calendar month are covered by the \$200 MinimumMonthly Fee. Once the Minimum Monthly Fee has been exceeded (i.e., beginning with the 1,001st FXtransaction) CME SDR charges a Transactional Fee of \$1.50 for each subsequent USI submitted.
<ul> <li>Allocations are not charged. Only the block transactions are subject to fees.</li> </ul>
Transactional Fee - For each new USI submitted above the number covered by the Minimum  Monthly Fee (asdescribed in detail above) a Transactional Fee, as set forth in the chart below, will be assessed.
Annual Fee Cap - An Annual Fee Cap based on the User's (or Master Account's if applicable) anniversary date of \$250,000 per asset class will apply.

Fees are not charged for the reporting of any swap continuation data (i.e., changes to the PET data or submission of valuation data).

## **Master Account**

Each registered SDR User account is by default a Master Account and therefore they are the company on which fees are assessed. CME SDR also supports the combining of accounts which are related (i.e. same corporate structure or activity under the same investment advisor) into a Master Account. In this structure the Master Account is the entity indicated as such on Schedule C of the SDR User Agreement. The related entities are listed as sub accounts and their submissions are aggregated at the Master Account level for purposes of assessing the fees set forth in the Fee section above. See the CME SDR Billing Policies, found at www.cmegroup.com/sdr, for more information.

	Rates, Credit & Commodities	<del>ΕX</del>
Minimum Monthly Fee*	\$200 per asset class	
	Applies to Users unless a Master Account exists, then applies to	
	Master Account	
Covered by Minimum Monthly	25 USIs	1,000 USIs

Fee	<del>per asset class per month</del>	per FX asset class per month
Transactional Fee	\$5.00 per USI	\$1.50 per USI
Lifecycle Fees	No lifecycle event reporting fees	
Annual Fee Cap \$250,000 per asset class		

<sup>\*</sup>Fees are assessed on a calendar month.

CME SDR fees are uniform and non-discriminatory. CME SDR does not profit share with any non-CME Group entity. CME SDR does not offer rebates or credits for use of other CME Group offerings (i.e. clearing).

## **User Master Account**

For the purposes of the Fee Schedule, "User Master Account" mean multiple related CME SDR Users and/or Related Entities listed on Schedule C to a CME User Agreement combined under a single structure for the purposes of fee calculations and billing. To qualify, Users and Related Entities must be either related under the same corporate structure or a client of the same investment advisor. The User Master Account holder must be a CME SDR User and may not be a Service Provider.

## Service Provider

For the purposes of this Fee Schedule, "Service Provider" means an entity that has in place a fully executed Service Provider Agreement with CME SDR for Dodd-Frank Reporting services. Service Providers are entities directly contracted by the User to aid in or facilitate reporting to CME SDR. Service Providers may not be a counterparty to the reported trade.

## **Billing Account**

A Billing Account is assigned by default to each User that executes the CME SDR User Agreement or a Service Provider who executes the CME SDR Service Provider Agreement. User Master Accounts are assigned the Billing Account in place of billing the related Users.

# User Fees

Annual User Membership Fee: Effective December 1, 2017, an initial \$2,400 fee will be charged on each active User Billing Account, pro-rated based on its current annual anniversary date. An Annual User Membership Fee is also applicable and charged in full on each new User Billing Account upon successful registration, with the registration date serving as the annual anniversary date. The Annual User Membership Fee will be charged to active User Billing Accounts on each subsequent annual anniversary date.

The fee is for access to CME SDR regardless of asset class, is non-refundable and is independent of any applicable USI Submission Fees. This fee applies for registered Users who do not submit trade reports and does not apply to testing only access.

<u>USI Submission Fee:</u> A fee of \$5.00 is charged per new Commodities, Credit or Rates USI. A fee of \$0.50 is charged per new FX USI. The USI Submission fee charged covers both the initial submission as well as the reporting of continuation data. CME SDR will charge the Reporting Counterparty as the Billing Account unless the Reporting Counterparty is registered under a different User Master Account or the submission is by an authorized Service Provider which has assumed billing responsibility.

User Fee Caps: Annual fee caps are based on the classification of the User or User Master Account and

calculated against the aggregated activity across all asset classes for the User Billing Account, as follows:

Category 1: USD 300,000 per year

Any User Master Account or User who is not in Category 2.

Category 2: USD 1,500,000 per year

Any User Master Account or User who is registered with the CFTC as a Designated Clearing Organization (DCO), a Major Swap Participant (MSP) or a Swap Dealer (SD) other than a Limited Swap Dealer (LSD).

<u>User Master Accounts comprised of both Category 1 and Category 2 Users will be considered Category 2 for purposes of assessing the User Fee Caps.</u>

Service Providers do not qualify for User Fee Caps.

The User Fee Cap calculation commences upon the Billing Account's CME SDR User Agreement Effective Date and shall reset on each subsequent annual anniversary.

Changes to the User Fee Cap before the expiry of the relevant annual period (contract year), will be pro-rated over the remaining relevant period.

The User Fee Cap is inclusive of the Annual User Membership Fee and the USI Submission Fees.

## Service Provider Fees

Service Providers have two options in establishing their commercial relationship with CME SDR. Service Providers do not fall into either Category 1 or Category 2 of the User Fee Cap.

## Option 1:

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## Option 2:

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<u>200,001+</u>	<u>USD 0.50</u>

Notes applicable to Option 2:

- USI rate applies to any asset class
- Clients of Service Providers seeking access to CME SDR systems and support services must register as a User and will be assessed the Annual User Membership Fee. The User Master Account structure is available to clients of Service Providers. USI Submission Fees payable by the Service Provider are not impacted and are billed as normal to the Service Provider under this option.

## **Terms of Payment**

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Payments can be made for any SDR related invoices by check or wire transfer. Details for both are provided below.

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Account Name: CME Inc Depository Account

Check Remit To
CME Group
Attn: Accounts Receivable
P.O. Box 73672
Chicago, IL 60673

Wire Transfer
JP Morgan Chase
ABA (Routing): 021000021
Account #: 887294601
SWIFT: CHASUS33
JP Morgan Chase Bank
270 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10017

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Tax ID #: 36-4340266

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documentation. Continued use of the service will constitute acceptance of any changes following the date of
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# **EXHIBIT 2**

# CME SDR Fee Schedule Effective December 1, 2017

(Clean Version)



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CME Group Attn: Accounts Receivable P.O. Box 73672 Chicago, IL 60673

Wire Transfer
JP Morgan Chase

ABA (Routing): 021000021 Account #: 887294601 SWIFT: CHASUS33 JP Morgan Chase Bank 270 Park Avenue New York, NY 10017

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Tax ID #: 36-4340266

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